

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A broadcasting receiver having a standby state and a normal state of power supply, comprising:

a slot for inserting a storage medium on which subscription information for receiving a broadcast is recorded;

a detecting means for detecting presence or absence of said storage medium inserted in said slot; and

a control means for controlling power supply to a part of a circuit of said broadcasting receiver;

wherein when said broadcasting receiver is in said standby state and said detecting means does not detect insertion of said storage medium, said control means stops power supply to the part of the circuit of said broadcasting receiver.

2. A broadcasting receiver as claimed in claim 1,

wherein said control means which has stopped power supply to the part of the circuit of said broadcasting receiver resumes power supply to the part of the circuit of said broadcasting receiver when said broadcasting receiver is in said normal state and said detecting means detects insertion of said storage medium.

3. A broadcasting receiver having a standby state and a normal state of power supply, comprising:

a slot for inserting a storage medium on which subscription information for receiving a broadcast is recorded;

a detecting means for detecting presence or absence of said storage medium inserted in said slot;

a selecting means for selecting either supply or non-supply of power to an antenna of said broadcasting receiver; and

a control means for controlling power supply to the antenna of said broadcasting receiver;

wherein when said selecting means selects supply of power to said antenna, said broadcasting receiver is in said standby state, and said detecting means does not detect insertion of said storage medium, said control means stops power supply to the antenna of said broadcasting receiver.

4. A broadcasting receiver as claimed in claim 3,

wherein said control means which has stopped power supply to the antenna of said broadcasting receiver resumes power supply to the antenna of said broadcasting receiver when said selecting means selects supply of power to said antenna, said broadcasting receiver is in said normal state, and said detecting means detects insertion of said storage medium.

5. An electronic apparatus whose operating state is controlled according to supply of external information, comprising:

a main unit which stops operation when receiving a first signal for selecting a standby state for stopping normal operation while in a normal state for performing the normal operation, and then outputs a second signal indicating that the main unit is in the standby state; and begins operation when receiving a first signal for selecting the normal state while in the standby state, and then outputs a second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state; and

a sub-unit which stops operation when, while operating, receiving a third signal indicating that said external information is not supplied and receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the standby state from said main unit.

6. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, further including a storage medium detection circuit for outputting to said sub-unit a third signal indicating that the external information is supplied when information stored on a storage medium storing said external information can be read, and outputting to said sub-unit the third signal indicating that the external

information is not supplied when information stored on said storage medium cannot be read.

7. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said sub-unit includes a plurality of functional blocks, part of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving a third signal indicating that said external information is supplied.

8. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sub-unit includes a plurality of functional blocks, part of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving the third signal indicating that said external information is supplied.

9. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said sub-unit is brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving a third signal indicating that said external information is supplied and receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state from said main unit.

10. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sub-unit is brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving the third signal indicating that said external information is supplied and

receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state from said main unit.

11. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said sub-unit includes a plurality of functional blocks, part of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving a third signal indicating that said external information is supplied, and all of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving the third signal indicating that said external information is supplied and also receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state from said main unit.

12. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sub-unit includes a plurality of functional blocks, part of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving the third signal indicating that said external information is supplied, and all of the functional blocks being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving the third signal indicating that said external information is supplied and also receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state from said main unit.

13. An electronic apparatus including a satellite broadcasting receiver, whose operating state is controlled according to supply of user information on a broadcast receiving license, comprising:

a main unit which stops operation when receiving a first signal for selecting a standby state for stopping normal operation while in a normal state for performing the normal operation, and then outputs a second signal indicating that the main unit is in the standby state; and begins operation when receiving a first signal for selecting the normal state while in the standby state, and then outputs a second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state; and

a sub-unit which stops operation when, while operating, receiving a third signal indicating that said user information is not supplied and receiving the second signal indicating that the main unit is in the standby state from said main unit.

14. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further including a storage medium detection circuit for outputting to said sub-unit a third signal indicating that the user information is supplied when information stored on a storage medium storing said user information can be read, and outputting to said sub-unit the third

signal indicating that the user information is not supplied when information stored on said storage medium cannot be read.

15. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said sub-unit includes a user information processing circuit for processing said user information, said user information processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that the user information is supplied.

16. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said sub-unit includes a user information processing circuit for processing said user information, said user information processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that the user information is supplied.

17. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said sub-unit includes a received signal processing circuit which has a receiving means for receiving a signal when supplied with a predetermined voltage, and supplies voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting supply of voltage, stops supply of voltage to said receiving means

when receiving a fourth signal for selecting non-supply of voltage, and when said receiving means receives a signal, receives and processes the received signal, said received signal processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that said user information is supplied and receiving said second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state.

18. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said sub-unit includes a received signal processing circuit which has a receiving means for receiving a signal when supplied with a predetermined voltage, and supplies voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting supply of voltage, stops supply of voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting non-supply of voltage, and when said receiving means receives a signal, receives and processes the received signal, said received signal processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that said user information is supplied and receiving said second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state.

19. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 13,

wherein said sub-unit includes a user information processing circuit for processing said user information; and a received signal processing circuit which has a receiving means for receiving a signal when supplied with a predetermined voltage, and supplies voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting supply of voltage, stops supply of voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting non-supply of voltage, and when said receiving means receives a signal, receives and processes the received signal, said user information processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that the user information is supplied, and said received signal processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that said user information is supplied and also receiving said second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state.

20. An electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said sub-unit includes a user information processing circuit for processing said user information; and a received signal processing circuit which has a receiving means for receiving a signal when supplied with

a predetermined voltage, and supplies voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting supply of voltage, stops supply of voltage to said receiving means when receiving a fourth signal for selecting non-supply of voltage, and when said receiving means receives a signal, receives and processes the received signal, said user information processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that the user information is supplied, and said received signal processing circuit being brought into operation when, while not operating, receiving said third signal indicating that said user information is supplied and also receiving said second signal indicating that the main unit is in the normal state.